A HITCH.

winfavorable financial condition of as to years, the great furnace of hoslachain Steel & Iron Company the world last night its first product ine, and began the demonstration

and barrow after barrow of coke, dine and were dumped into the furhitesstarted. After partial ignition mal engines began to revolve and used before hand; the pumps had stater into the tanks, pipes and es the hoilers shown their steam ming capacity; the engines found properly lined up; the incline a sucsand, seales and trucks provided; safore, coke and limestone piled up; parthing looked after with a wise the so that advere chances were reto a minimum. Lust night the whole rent up on a special Valley Street and at eleven o'clock General Bird gave the order to make the jissing hot, with many colored and was run into the sand moulds

id and for General Ayers, who conthe Executive Committee. The ize that could combine so effectuse ingredients and turned out a that seemed so easily born, was a of skill for Mr. Bird that he well

THE OFFICERS.

shofthe Men Who Control This

happiest man in this region to-day and Manager E. J. Bird. From the dhe distressing depression of the by, birth, training, and experience the should have few equals as an pater anywhere. His two grand smade the first pig iron ever made mke under Lord Dudley-since the d Dudley. He is an Englishman, use, and was born in Staffordsire. a he has built one furnace in South cone at Oldberry, England, four in sdies; two in Portugal and one in He came to this country twentyas ago-and since here he has con-M furnaces everywhere-at Frostlingland, Newport, Kv., Johnstown, the North Chicago Rolling Mills, tkee, Marquet, Michigan, near Salt fit, the first that Andrew Carne-Mever interested in, Wheeling, W. Jaton, Pa., and other places, He khas found no place in all his vast he fact, that he can make here the thetæ. and cheapest iron in the world and ts his reasons and his figures, the the carbon of the coke, low phosin the iron ore, the absence of it eria the limestone, and these pheal prices for the raw materialprion for the coke, \$1.00 per ton tore, and thirty-five cents per ton

de limestone. M.T. Ridenour, the Secretary and arer, has had the experience of a the with furnaces. He was connect-Olive, Lawrence, Heclass and oththes and he bears from them teshis of unusual capacity in his busi-Le has been in his present posi-November last. The principal AbE. J. Bird, Jr., who has assisted the with an iron and steel furnace then for the last seven years. He is six new furnaces now at Coving-

ton business and has assisted E.

Harman, his brother, and William to take turns, night and day, in runte monster engines.

ard Holly and Luke Wade have simties as hoist engineers, and Edwin an will run the iron locomotive. se men came from Ironton with Mr. and have been with him for seven British Steamer Loses Officers and Men Bacon Flora With him for seven Bacon, Floto and Co. will be the agents in Cincinnati. They have ar 5,000 tons of the iron sold in ad-

officers are as follows:

her sister. both daughters of the General Manager. The Jennie is the one in blast -the Polly is not completed. The capacity of both when finished will be 100,000

tons of pig iron per week.

They were removed here from East St. Louis (Carondelet) Ills., just opposite St Louis, where they were known as the Meier Iron works, bailt by a syndicate of and mainly German and English material, at a cost of between \$800,000 and \$1,000, 000. They proved unremunative because of their unfortunate location across the river from St. Louis so that the ferriage and freight tolls atcup the profits. Morethe failure of the ore in Iron mountain, Mo., their chief source of a production, their chief source of a production, and the failure of the ore in Iron mountain, of their construction and the quality of the material is shown by the approval of such men as Mr. E. B. Leisenring the coke king of Pennsylvania, and one of the large furnace owners at Birmingham, Mr. Robert H. Sayre of the Betelehem (Pa.) Iron works and other competent iron men, who visited them at the instance of Gen. Ayers, President of the Improvement Company. They said further that there is one-third or one-fourth more metal in weight in them than would be ordered to- manship on the stick. day; in other words they were built with German thoroughness, and regard for made of Georgia pine from one of the joists Alliance order in the way of weakening wear and tear. The furnaces have been in Libby prison. The head is formed the membership and the interest taking in the theories of the law, and is a lawyer remodelled and the height increased to of knots of roots from the battlefield of and looking about for the best means to of several years standing and active pracseventy-five feet.

"We brought the works over here "Said Manager Bird" because at this point we can get our material for one half of what it cost us in Ohio. Ihave never found a place like this.'

The Furnace is working even better today than it did yesterday, the run then being, owing to the dampness in the brick, white iron, while today it is No. 3, and the furnace is becoming so much better that No. 1 and 2 will be run tomorrow. The run fyesterday was loaded in L. & N. car 3642, and shipped today to Bacon & Floto, Cincinnati, Mr. Bacon being on the ground and taking great interest in the opening. Large signs are bearing the words, "First Car Load of Iron from Big Stone Gap." Quantities have already been sold in Ohio, Michigan and elsewhere.

GEO. W. CHILDS.

His Hearty Reception by the Chicago Printers-Tonight's Big Banquet.

CHICAGO, May 4 .- The printers of Chicago, to the number of nearly 2,000, and representing about every newspaper, job and book printing office in the city, united vesterday in the reception to George W. prears. If there is anything in Childs. The affair took place in the large composing room of the new Chicago Herald building, and was one of the most remarkable manifestations of the love and esteem in which the veteran publisher of Philadelphia is held that has ever been

For over two hours the stream of members of the craft passed through the large rooms, each one stopping to grasp him by the hand, and then lingering in nooks and corners where they could gaze upon his genial features at leisure. At 1 o'clock today Mr. Childs was tendered a reception at the Union League Club which gave a large number of newspaper and business men an opportunity of meeting him. The club rooms were beautifully decorated, and ex-Congressman George E. Adams, President of the organization, extended Chief of Fire Department. the hospitalities.

Thi sevening the distinguished guest will be banqueted at Kinsley's by H. H. Hohlsaat, publisher of the Inter-Ocean. The guests will include Mayor Wafhburne, The in advantages for the making a number of prominent newspaper men the says without any flourish and the Presidents of the Typographical Union, of the Press Club, of the Old-time Sthough the claim were an incon- Printers' Association and of the Typo-

DDEMING IN IRONS.

which are, the low sulphur and It Was Feared the Australian Murderer Might Do Violence to Himself or Others.

MELBOURNE, May 3 .- The behavior of Deeming since he was sentenced yesterday has become more inexplicable than ever. There is a strange mixture of sense and cense. The law allowing the saloonists insanity in all he says and does, the latter to sell only by the gallon has been reevidently assumed assumed. No doubt he is laboring under intense excitement, finding himself baffled at every point. He axpected to procure at first a postponement of his trial, and next a division of the jury on the plea of mental aberration put forward for him, and in delay he had even hope of making his escape. Now he is bent on an appeal, but there is no chance for him in this since no court in Christendom would grant it. His atrocious lying and maligning the memory of his victims has lost for him what little sympathy he might have inspired by his indomitable courage. The jailers fear that under the manager of the furnace is John | courage. The janets to beeming breaking down of all his hopes Deeming breaking down of all his hopes Deeming throther of the General Manager. may become actually mad or attempt suihas had a cosmopolitan exparience cide, for although in high spirits, assumed or otherwise, he sometimes drops into a in the construction of most of the moodiness which looks ugly and dangerous, and when to approach or speak to him Barman, his boots L. W. Harman; provokes threatening looks and language. All these things being considered by the jail authorities, it was decided to put the prisoner in irons, and this resolution was carried into effect today.

VICTIMS OF YELLOW FEVER.

at Santoc, Brazil,

NEW YORK, May 3 .- The British steamer Gengoll, from Brazil, which arrived here Peters in 1 by the death of Mr. this morning, reports having lost three Peters in January last, is not yet of her crew while at Santos from yellow fever, as follows: A. Bath, second officer, died March 14; Perry Long, third engihs. John C. Haskell, H. W. Bates, fireman died March 20. While the vessel fireman died March 20. March 20, Michael was at Rio Janerio, March 20, March 4 President, V. P. & Gen'd Manager, M. T.

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A Virginian Accosts Aim on the Steps of

business with the President, he was acwho said:

"Is this Secretary Blaine?"

"Yes," said the Secretary, looking somewhat annoved.

"You do not remember me, do you?" continued the staanger.

"No, I can't say that I do," replied the

"Well," continued the Virginian, "I met you here in Washington six years ago and I came here to find where you were living so that I could give you a cane that I made myself, which is somewhat historical in its character."

"You ar every kind," replied the Secretary, looking more comfortable and evi-

The Virginian said that the cane was Seven Pines There are three billets embeded in the head, which were picked up politics. Beyond that nothing is asceron the battlefield of Fair Oaks. In mak- tainable. ing this explanation the donor of the cane became quite enthusiastic and tapped the Secretary familiarly on the chest several times, either by way of emphasis or to test his lungs.

When the cane was handed to him Mr. Blaine flourished it around several times, said it was very handsome, and that he greatly appreciated the gift. As he was about to go up stairs, where the President | compensation of land grant and subsidi- | pleading. The Mayor has final jurisdicwas awaiting him, the Virginian drew from his pocket two handsomely carved napkin rings made from an oak recently felled at Fair Oaks.

"Here, Mr. Secretary," said the Virginian, "I did not forget the ladies of your family. I trust you you will be so kind as to present these rings to Mrs. Blaine and your single daughter, and say I made them especially for their use."

The Secretary was profuse ih his thanks. and assured his friend that the ladies would prize the rings as highly as he did his walking stick. Mr. Crowell thereupon closed his talk by saving that he had always been a great admirer of Mr. Blaine, and he hoped that he might eventually become President.

City Council Meets.

The city fathers transacted a large amount of business at the regular monthly meeting on last Monday evening. All the Councilmen were present except J. F. Bullitt, Jr. and W. P. Lipscomb.

The Fire Department has found out in in the practice drills that no one house in town can be reached by the two hose companies operating from two different hydrants on account of the length of the hose. They therefore asked the council to purchase an additional 500 feet of hose. This will give each hose company 500 feet of hose, and enable them to work together on a burning building. This question was referred to the Chairman of the Fire and Water Committee and the Assistant

The question as to the legality of reducing the liquor license tax after the beginning of the fiscal year, was referred to the City Attorney for his written opin-

Applications for liquor license were made by S. A. Collier and W. C. Thompson. W. N. G. Slemp and James P. Barron were offered and accepted as bondsmen for Collier. John Willis and John M. Willis are Thompson's bondsmen.

This is only two out of the five saloons that are to be carried on here this year. The applications were made too late in two cases and the county Judge forced them to wait until next month, while the other one was not ready to renew the lipealed much to the relief of the aforesaid saloonists and their customers.

The fire and Water Committee reported the engine house and tower for bell built and presented the following list.

Gleason & Bailey for bell and hose cart \$23.56; Tracy Bros. for work on engine house \$9.90; Wolfe Clay & Co., lumber for same \$5.60; J. P. Wolfe & Co. lock, keys and nails for same \$1.70; Goodloe Co. lumber, &c for same \$3.55. Total \$244.30. This amount was allowed by the Coun-

Quite a number of claims were presen-

ted and allowed:

Post Publishing Company delinquent tax sales \$40.00 H. L. Slemp, repairing the approach to the East Fifth St. bridge \$13.25; W. B. Bounds same \$2.00: G. E. Gilley salary and guarding prisoners for the month of April \$57.50; City Engineer Smith, locating side walk in front of Intermont Hotel \$10.00; W. H. Horton for expenses to Sneedville after a criminal \$13.80 W. P. Lipscomb for lumber \$14.16; W. T. Kenedy for teaching a City School for past month 70.00; Miss Mollie Dickinson, same \$30.00.

PEOPLE'S PARTY.

Southern Alliance Men Fvidently Favor is

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 3 .- The South-Boards have been in conference here all day and are again in session tonight, but beyond the fact that all the Southern States and Oklahoma are represented nomembers of the conference smile and talk nearly 200,000 majority.

then general reports from all the States Carolina;

PRESENTED TO SECRETARY BLAINE were made. It is gathered that practically everybody in attendance is for the Peothe White House and Gaee Him a Cane. ple's party in the national elections al-Washington, May 2 .- At about 2:30 this though there is opposition to making the ent contest for the office of Mayor, and in afternoon as Secretary Blaine was going issue locally, and it is probable that this favor of the candidacy of Mr. W. K. Shelinto the White House, where he had some policy will prevail. There were some prominent members last night who were op-German capitalists with German money costed by Mr. A. B. Crowell, a Vizginian, posing any support of the People's party for in a candidate for this office are, first a in any form, but it is openly announced thorough knowledge of the principles of today that these have been brought over law; second, a judicial temperament and and that the body is practically unanimous spirit of fairness and impariality in the now on this proposition that all Alliance- administration of the legal duties of the men should support the ticket of the Omaha convention. Whether any formal ac- firmess of character, honesty of purpose, tion has been or will be taken on this attention to the excutive duties of the subject is what cannot be aspertained.

ALL THAT IS KNOWN.

The Alliance conference adjourned tonight to meet again tomorrow. It is reported that an address will be issued which is now being prepared, but this is not authorative. It is, however, definitely known that the People's party has not been the subject of discussion so far as dently well pleased at the unique work- looking to any action in that direction is degree. His knowledge of the principles concerned. The conference has discussed the effect which politics is having ou the counteract the disinterigating force of

THE SUBSIDED RAILOADS.

Object to a Lower Rate for Carrying the take to place any one in the office of

the postal appropriation bill to reduce the zed railroads for carrying mails from 80 tion in all criminal matters not felonious, per cent of the rate allowed on aided rail- and sits as an examining justice on all feltion from land grant railroads, and they dollars. Identically the same questsons are protesting against the proposed legis in pleading and evidence as well as queslation as unjust and unreasonable. To- tions of fact must be passed upon by him day representatives of a number of there as by the judges of our counties and circuit railroads appear before the committee and courts. Many nice questions of law perstated the reasons for their opposition.

Nashville railroad spoke for roads in the south, including the line of which he is an officer. The present compensation for extensive knowledge of law. The town is carrying mails, he said, was not equal to now in its infancy, precedents are few, the amount the company would receive if cuable mischief. it collected fare from a single mail messenger at the rate of 3 cents per mile. The ed with the impartial and judicial tem-Louisville and nashville lose at present perament of his mind, the capacity to by means of reduction of 20 per cent made under the existing laws between \$12,000 and \$15,000 per year, which was equal to possesses in an eminent degree the cour-4 per cent on the amount the road had received by reason of the government land

Representiive Clark of the Mobile, Ala., district, read a letter from J. C. Clark now president of the Mobile and Ohio railroad and former vice president of the Ilinois Central railroad protesting in the name of the Mobile and Ohio against the when it made the grants to railroads that the roads should subsequently pay the government for the lands. It would have ligations congress was seeking to impose upon them with reference to the carrying

of mails and government property. Representative Clark, speaking from his knowledge of the condition prevailing in the south, said that the Louisville and Nashville had been the greatest factor in the development of Alabama. He had alville as a prosperous road of the south, dependent companies, and he wears no ways regarded the Louisville and Nashand when its officers said that the road man's collar, but he is not one of those could not afford to carry the mails for the who join in the hue and cry against the price prososed and compete with non-aided railroads which recived full rates, he (Clark) knew other railroads could not do able political sin to be connected in any

The present compensation was inadequate, and a lower rate would bring poorer service, or that deficiency would be made up by the higher rate of transportation. The people of the south were never before in a worse condition than now to stand this. Members of congress talk- provement Company's candidate, nor the ed about \$1 per day being the lowest any man should be asked to take for his labor, but he knows that in the south there were any number of men, white and black, working in fields for 40 cents per day. of railroad also opposed the contemplated He does not own one dollar's worth of action of congress.

HOPELESS WITH CLEVELAND.

Mr. Waterson Repeats His Declaration That the Prophet has no Show.

Louisville, May 2 .- Henry Watterson, in a letter from Washington, reviewing the political situation, concludes as fol-

"I believe and I hope that with the disappearance of Gov. Hill from the field even of conjecture, and the apprehension of his alleged methods, the clear good to fill this office of those now offering." sense of the party will reassert itself, and that two months hence, all Democrats will see as plainly as it is now seen by Democrats who are advised of the true situation, that the nomination of Mr. ern Alliance presidents and Executive Cleveland would be an act of suicide, and because of two simple, conclusive rea-

"1. He would loose the State of New York as surely and as disastrously as it wus lost by Judge Folger when 100,000 thing is known of their proceedings. The Republicans stayed away from the polls held at the Appalachian Club rooms Tues-

intention that nothing positive shall be knwnn.

It is given out that Colenel Polk made a speech in openingthe proceedings, and a constant of the speech of the Northwest, and would surely risk the loss of such states as West Virginia, Virginia and North Ayers, H. H. Bullitt, J. F. Bullitt, Jr. Ayers, H. H. C. McDowell, Jr., and John W. Fox.

For Mayor.

To the Editor of the Post, Sir: I wish to say afew words pertinent to the presby for that office.

I take it that the qualifications sought office, both criminal and civil; and third, office, and that intelligence and address of manners so often needed in the chief municipal office to give to the strangers and men of affairs a proper conception of the real strength of the town, both in its citizenry and material wealth.

I have no fear of successful contradiction when I claim for Mr. Shelby the possession of all these elements in a marked of law is second to that of no one of our bar. He has been thoroughly educated tice, and his abilities are recognized by all of his fellow attorneys. It should need no argument to convince the voters of this town that it would be a serious mis-Mayor, nine-tenths of the duties of Washington, May 3 .- The propositon which office are strictly legal, not thormade by the house postoffice committee in oughly informed on the statute law of the state, and rules and laws of evidence and roads, as the law at present provides, to ony charges, and in addition has jurisdic-50 per cent, has awaken vigorous opposi- tion of all civil matters up to one hundred taining to contracts of the town, franch-E. B. Stahlman of the Louisville and ies, revenue, etc., are constantly brought before the Mayor, either as presiding officer of the council, or otherwise, which no man can properly advise upon without an and mistakes made might produce incal-

All who know Mr. Shelby are impressweigh evidence and appeals and decide points with discrimination and equity and those who know him best know that he age of his convictions, firmness of purpose, and an honesty absolutely impeachable.

I understand that the chief arguments being used against him, are that he is the candidate of the Improvement Company and the "Kentucky clique," whatever that may mean. If it means that he is one of, and is supported by the young men who have come to this point from Kentucky, cast their lot and their fortunes, large or small, with the town, have stood by it in adversity, have worked untireingly in seareduction by the committee. The letter son and out of season for its interests, and said it was not the intention of congress intend to stay by it until triumph crowns their efforts, then on his behalf I enter the plea of this latter charge. If it is an innuendo that none but the Virginiabeen cheaper for the railroads to pay the as need apply for office or honor here, government \$1,25 per acre for the lands then repel it as unworthy of the attention they receivee than to be bond by the ob- of even the most reckless and time-serving of his opponents, much less the great body of inteligent and fair-minded Virginians that make up a majority of the voters of this town.

Neither is the other objection mention ed worthy of notice to those who know Mr. Shelby at all. The writer of this article is not in any way connected with the Improvement Company, or any of its Improvement Company and other corporations, and who thinks it is the unpardonway with them. It is not my purpose, however, here to turn aside from the real issue, which is "who is the fittest candidate for this office now offering," but I will simply say that this suggestion concerning Mr. Shelby is totally false. He is not in any sense of the word the 1mcandidate of any other corporation or in-dividual, nor will he be influenced in the slightest by any corporation, or the officials of any corporation, even should they attempt it, to swerve from what he thinks the public interests will demand. stock in the Improvement Company, or in any of the dependent companies, has no official connection with them whatever, nor is he their attorney. No man in the town could be found more untrammeled than he in this regard. On the other hand he is, I believe, the largest single investor of real estate in the town., and consequently has larger interests at stake in seeing that the city government is wisely and economically administered. All this is but a feeble attempt to appeal to the predjudices of voters and turn away the issue from the real point, which, as before stated is "who is the best qualified Without speaking a word in disparagement of the claims of any one, 1 confidentially assert that the entire town, would be picked over in vain to find a better man for this office than Mr. Shelby, and the Big Stone Gap Inprovement Company very few who could equal him.

Interment Building Comany.

The annual meeting of the stockholers of the Interment Building Company was

THE BIG STONE GAP IMPROVEMENT

Gen. Ayers is Still President,-and the Electric Light Company Passes Into the Hands of the Big Stone Gap & Powell's Valley Railroad Company,-The Bond Arrangement to be Extended.

The annual meeting of the Big Stone Gap Improvement Company was held inthe Appalachian Club rooms Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the President, R. A. Ayers, and upon motion Maj. H. C. Mc. Dowell, of Lexington, Ky., was chosen Chairman off the meeting.

The Chairman appointed R. A. Ayers, R. B. Whitridge and Josiah Ryland to examine proxies and ascertain if a quorum was present. The committee reported that there were 20,421 shares of stock outstanding and of this number 15,255 were represented at the meeting.

The gentlemen present were H. C, Mc-Dowell, Lexington, Ky., R. D. Blackmore, Bristol, Josiah Ryland, Richmond, Dr. R. B. Whitridge, Boston, and the following from Big Stone Gap: J. H. Taggart, Jas. W. Fox. Jno. W. Fox, Jr., R. A. Ayers, D. C. Anderson and H. C. McDowell, Jr.

It having been ascertained that a majorify of the stock was represented the Secretary proceeded to read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which were

The next thing was the annual report of the President, Gen. R. A. Ayers. Gen. Ayers' report was rather brief, but he made a good showing considering the hard times that have prevailed since the last annual meeting. He dwelt on the fact that despite the severe stringency of the money market, the work on the furnaces here had steadily progressed, until now one of them had already kindled its fires preparatory to making pig iron; the handsome East Fifth street bridge, had been completed, a splendid system of water works had been put in; and work of development had been going on in quiet but firm way in every direction.

The report of the President was submitted to a commitnee, consisting of Messrs. Taggart, Blackmore and Fox. and upon their recommendation the report was received and adopted The compensation of R. C. Ballard

Thruston, trustee, was fixed at 21/2 per cent. of all money coming into his hands. Upon motion of Gen. Ayers, its by-laws were so amended as to make the board of directors consist of nine members instead ol thirteen. R. B. Whitridge moved that the following be elected as the board of directors for the ensuing year; R. A. Ayers, J. F. Bullitt, Jr., Jas. W. Fox, J. K. Taggart, H. C. McDowell,

C. Haskell. The motion was carried. The chairman appointed Messrs Ayers, Fox, and Blackmore a committee to consider a proposed plan to allow the bondholders arrangmement to be extended so so as to include payments due on lots in Plat 1 and on future sales of lots.

W. C. McGeorge, R. B. Whitridge and J.

After the appointment of the committee the meeting adjourned until 8 o'clock p. m. to give the committee time to report.

EVENING SESSION.

At 8 o'clock the meeting was again called to order and the committe appointed in the afternoon to consider the advisibility of extending the privilege of paying deferred payments on lots in bonds of the company to Plat one reported. After considerable discussion the following resolution was passed:

Resolved that the stockholders of the company recognize the advantages which accrued to the company from the execution of the agreement to receive \$200,000 in bonds of the company in payment for lots heretofore sold on plats other than Plat one and reccommend that the bond-holders consider the propriety of extending the same priviledge to all debtors of the company and all future purchasers of the company's lands to such an extent as may be practicable.

MARRIAGES

Prominent Citizens of Big Stone Cap About to Enter Into the Bonds of Mat-

Announcements have been made this week of the marriage ot two of the prominent young of this city.

HARRIS--HARDIN.

Mr. W. E. Harris, well known as one of the pioneers of Big Stone Gap and as one of its best citizens, will be married on the 17th of May to Miss Carrie Hardin at the home of the bride's father in Frankfort, Ky. Miss Hardin is the daughter of Gen. P. W. Hardin, of Kentucky.

SKEEN--PENNINGTON.

H. A. W. Skeen, Judge of the County Court of Wise and a prominent citizen of this county will be married on the 12th inst. to Miss Edlie A. Pennington, of Albany, Tenn, formerly of Lee county:

Vailey Street Railway Company.

The Valley Steet Railway Company's annual meeting was held at the office of this morning at 10 o'clock. The officers elected were: R. A. Ayers, president, and Gus. W. Lovell. H. H. Bullitt, R. T. Irvine and H. C. McDowell, Directors.

BLAINE WILL ACCEPT.

Capt. Gavett, of Dotrols, Claims to Have Private Assurances to this Effect.

CHICAGO, May 3 .- A Tribune special from Detroit says: Capt. Gevett, a personal friend of Blaine, says the Socreta

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